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SUBJ: FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR REQUESTS FOR ACADEMIC YEARS 76, 77-78

1. IN LIGHT CURRENT POLITICAL UNREST AND RECENT ALLEGATIONS THAT "FOREIGN PROFESSORS ENGAGED IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES", EMBASSY EXCHANGE COMMITTEE HAS ASSESSED FEASIBILITY CONTINUING FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR PROGRAM NIGERIA. CONSENSUS IS THAT PROGRAM BE CONTINUED. AS RESULT, POST SUBMITTING (VIA SEPTTEL) REQUESTS FOR ACADEMIC YEARS 76-77 AND 77-78.

2. REQUESTS LISTED BY UNIVERSITY IN PRIORITY ORDER AND REFLECT CROSS SECTION DISCIPLINES WHICH WILL NOT ONLY PROVIDE GREATER IMPACT AND VARIETY OF AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL EXPERTISE, BUT WHICH ALSO DESIGNED PROVIDE NUCLEUS "VOLUNTEER SPEAKERS" WHO CAN BE PROGRAMMED OUTSIDE RESPECTIVE UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA AND (WHEN POSSIBLE) OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

3. POST GREATLY APPRECIATE DEPT/CIES PAST EFFORTS EFFECTIVELY SELECT/SCREEN PARTICIPANTS THIS VERY IMPORTANT PROGRAM AND TRUSTS EFFORTS/SUCCESS WILL CONTINUE.

4. COMMENT: SCREENING AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME VERY IMPORTANT; FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS RESULT RECENT ATTEMPTED COUP, SUSPICIONS OF CIA INVOLVEMENT AND

CERTAIN AMOUNT XENOPHOBIA WHICH LIKELY CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME,
IT ESSENTIAL OUR PARTICIPANTS BE RESPONSIBLE, MATURE CANDIDATES OF
HIGHEST CALIBRE WHO CAN, WITH KEEN SENSITIVITY, WORK IN POLITICAL/
EDUCATIONAL CLIMATE OF NIGERIA AND AT HOST INSTITUTIONS WITHOUT
OFFENDING OR AROUSING SUSPICIONS OF HOSTS. COMMENT NOT
INTENDED CONVEY IDEA THAT WE WISH CURB OR RESTRICT INTELLECTUAL
FREEDOM BUT MERELY TO UNDERSCORE NEED FOR CAREFUL SELECTION.
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